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Action Memorandum No. 312

Date 6 December 1963

TO

Executive Director-Comptroller
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Support
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Inspector General
General Counsel

SUBJECT : President's Memorandum on Government Economy

REFERENCE:

1. Your personal attention is directed to the text of the memorandum for the heads of Departments and Agencies, dated November 30, 1963, from the President of the United States; copy is attached. In this he notes that the Executive Branch will be administered with utmost thrift and frugality and will set an example of economy. It is directed that the President's message be given most serious, continuous, and compelling attention and that you convene your staffs immediately to read, discuss, and receive the full impact of the President's statement. You should also discuss with your staffs the methods whereby the Agency will fully comply with both the specific requests and the intent of this memorandum.

2. Further, all plans and programs will be in strict accordance with the provisions of the President's message. You will submit in writing by 15 December to the Executive Director-Comptroller the actions which you propose to take within your area to meet the President's desires. The Executive Director-Comptroller will assemble for me, with comments and recommendations, these submissions.

3. Further, the Executive Director-Comptroller is directed to thoroughly review with you at least every 90 days the Agency's programs to effect a continuing improvement in the management of the Agency toward the end of economies or savings. The Executive Director-Comptroller will submit periodic reports on these reviews to me.

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4. Actions under this directive, and forthcoming directives under the same subject, will be handled on a top priority basis both as to content and timing.

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